

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:**

**Birdsall, et al.**

**Appl. No.: Unassigned**

**Filed: On an even date herewith**

**For: Profiled Stent and Method Of Manufacture**

**Art Unit: Unassigned**

**Examiner: Unassigned**

**Atty. Docket: P105 CON 3**

Box Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Preliminary Amendment**

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicants amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the specification: This application is a continuation of prior patent application, serial number 09/608,882 filed on June 3, 2000 which is a continuation of prior patent application serial number 08/702,258 filed on August 23, 1996.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 2-19 in the prior application.

Please add the following new claims:

*gwb* 20 2. A stent comprising

*fig 3 B*  
at least one strut, the at least one strut has a transverse cross section, the transverse cross section having a top side, a bottom side, a right side and a left side, wherein the top and bottom sides are substantially flat, and the left and rights sides are substantially curved.

21 3. The stent of claim 2 wherein the strut has a plurality of straight sections joined by a plurality of crown sections.

22 4. The stent of claim 2 wherein the strut is made of metal.

23 5. The stent of claim 4 wherein the strut is electro-polished.